

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**MEETING OF THE
CALIFORNIA INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 22, 2004
California Air Resources Board
1001 I St., Second Floor
Central Valley Auditorium
Sacramento, California**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victor Weisser, Chair
Norm Covell, Vice-Chair
Dennis DeCota
John Hisserich
Bruce Hotchkiss
Gideon Kracov
Jude Lamare
Robert Pearman
Jeffrey Williams

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Arney
Mark Martin

ALSO PRESENT:

Rocky Carlisle, Executive Officer
Lynn Forsyth, Administrative Staff

MOTIONS:

1. Moved by Member DeCota and seconded by Member Lamare that the Committee adopt the minutes of the May 17, 2004 Committee meeting.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

2. Moved by Chair Weisser and seconded by Member DeCota that the IMRC write a letter to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the recent proposal to exempt the 5th and 6th new model year vehicles from the existing Smog Check requirement to take and pass the Smog Check and also eliminate the current requirement for a Smog Check upon change of ownership of vehicles during their first four years.

Vote: 7 Aye, 1 No (Member Pearman), 1 Abstention (Member Covell). Motion carried

3. Moved by Member Lamare and seconded by Member Hisserich that the meeting adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. The Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Terry Tamminen, presented a special award to Mr. Gary Hunter, Deputy Chief, Smog Check Operations, Bureau of Automotive Repair. Mr. Hunter, whose retirement was effective July 1, 2004, was recognized and commended for his leadership and assistance to the government of Tijuana, Mexico in the development of a Smog Check Program.
2. In honor of his long time service to the Committee, the State of California, and specifically his contribution to improved air quality in California, the Committee honored Mr. Norm Covell, Vice- Chair with a plaque and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.
3. The Committee honored Mr. Richard Skaggs for his many years of service to the Committee and to the people of the State of California. He has been a dedicated Member and served with a great deal of energy voicing opinions and concerns on issues that otherwise would not have been addressed by the Committee.
4. The committee received a request from the audience that the official transcript be placed on the IMRC website each month as soon as possible following the completion of the transcript. Executive Officer, Mr. Carlisle, stated that the transcripts were currently available on the IMRC website in a M/S Word format. In the past however, there has been a conversion problem when using Adobe Acrobat that will be resolved in the near future.
5. Rocky Carlisle, Executive Officer for the Committee provided the committee with updates on the following:
 - 8,000 notices were been mailed to all Smog Check stations regarding the meeting and the program evaluation report. To date, we have received fifteen additional names for addition to the interested parties list. Moreover, IMRC has received program evaluation comments from shop owners, consumers and other interested parties. In particular, Mr. Doug Lawson requested a specific data calculation from ARB or BAR.
 - On June 10, 2004, IMRC received the Technical Support Document from the Air Resources Board (ARB) supporting conclusions and recommendations in the ARB/BAR Program Evaluation Report. It has been added to the IMRC website.
 - In response to an issue raised concerning the large number of U-Haul vehicles in the Bay Area that have local telephone numbers with Arizona plates, research determined that these vehicles are legally registered through the International Registration Plan (IRP), a registration reciprocity agreement between other member states and providences of Canada. Companies register vehicles through the IRP that are to be used, or intended to be used, in two or more states for which they pay an apportioned mileage fee/tax. According to DMV, approximately 500,000 vehicles are registered in the State of California through the IRP of which most are diesel powered heavy-duty trucks. The total fees paid by these registrations total about \$60 million annually. However, these vehicles are exempt from the Smog Check inspection.
 - Currently, ARB and BAR are estimating the emissions reduction benefit of adding the idle test to the ASM test protocol. Their report should be available by the end of June 2004.

- IMRC has requested and received information from DCA budgets regarding the BAR budget and this documentation will be forwarded to the appropriate subcommittees.
 - Committee Members and staff are developing a consumer information survey for which a contract should be awarded by the middle of July. The survey targets consumers whose vehicles have failed the Smog Check inspection in the preceding 90 days to determine the availability of program information in the Smog Check stations.
6. The Committee discussed, at length, the Administration's proposal to exempt 5th and 6th model year vehicles from the Smog Check program; the exemption for change of ownership inspections for vehicles two years old and newer; and, using the increased fees to support the Carl Moyer Program. In addition, the Committee discussed the concept of requiring annual vehicle inspections for high mileage vehicles and vehicles 15 years and older. The Committee voted to have the Chair draft a letter to the Governor and legislative leadership outlining the Committee's views on these issues.
 7. The Committee discussed the meeting agenda format; specifically, clarification on what actions can be taken for items that are not specifically noticed on the agenda but are part and parcel of other items listed on the agenda. The Chair requested a meeting with legal council for clarification.
 8. Mr. Doug Thompson, Manager of the Motor Vehicle Section at the Air Resources Board, provided the committee with a brief overview of the Technical Support Document for the Evaluation of the California Enhanced Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program
 9. This meeting of the IMRC was Webcast. Several emails were received and discussed during the meeting via the webcast in addition to telephone call-ins from people unable to attend the meeting in person.
 10. The sub-committees gave brief updates on their progress regarding the sixteen subcommittee report topics including milestones and schedules.